



Northport Rail Trail



In the 1860s, a new railway was constructed to extend the trainlines from Syosset to Northport. While these trains were widely used by residents of the Northport area, this spur was abandoned as a result of geographic interference with further extension plans. Influenced by the Rails-to-Trails movement, the old railway was granted to the Town of Huntington by the Metropolitan Transit Authority by means of a 10 year license agreement for public trail purposes in 2008. The trailway lies in the rail corridor that leads from Laurel Hill Road to Elwood Road. The rail line used to run past the trailway, across Elwood Road to what is now the Riverhead Building Supply, making freight deliveries. To the north, a car wash lies on a segment of the rail line, as does the King Kullen Shopping Center. This former rail branch was once proposed to be used as a component of the defunct Babylon-Northport Expressway. In 2009 the New York State Department of Transportation donated an adjoining four-acre parcel to the Town with access from Orchard Court.

Other Trail Uses:

This trail is widely used by pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists.

You May See:

American Crow, American Robin, Blue Jay, Common Grackle, European Starling, House Sparrow



Location: North side of Laurel Hill Rd and Maplewood Dr in Northport
Terrain: Flat | **Length:** 0.5 mi | **Parking:** Street | **Type:** Linear
Surface: Ground | **Acres:** 8 | **Trailhead:** 40.880070, -73.345638

